

PADDINGTON POOR HOUSE.

Sir,—The *Guardians of the Poor* of Paddington parish having advertised for tenders for a new workhouse, to be built at Paddington, I, with several others, tendered, when we were informed that neither tender would be accepted, as they all came to too much money. Since that, we have all been written to by the surveyor, saying, that the drawings were altered, and asking us to tender again. We have done so, and the following is the result:—

Cooper and Davis	8,337
William Higgs	8,259
Gerry	8,190
Higgs and Son	7,869
Crook	7,761
Homan	7,489
Barton	7,471
Wilson	7,390
Cooper	7,228

Mr. Homan's tender was accepted. Now, what I complain of is, that as each builder was written to, the surveyor must have thought them men of sufficient respectability to finish the job, or he most certainly would not have written to them; then why was not the job given to the lowest, especially as each was prepared with securities? And I am sure no one can complain of the tenders; I think them very fair, to what we sometimes see. But there is no doubt it was done (as kissing goes) for favour; if so, I think you will hold with me, that the builders who are lower than the accepted one ought to be remunerated for their trouble.—I am, Sir, &c.

A COMPETITOR FOR THE PADDINGTON
3rd June, 1846. POORHOUSE.

•• We agree with our correspondent in thinking, that if a builder be invited to tender, it is an assurance that he is considered a proper person to execute the work; and, if no stipulation to the contrary, that his tender if lowest will be accepted.

Miscellaneous.

A TUNNEL UNDER GREENWICH PARK.—It has been determined by the directors of the South Eastern Railway Company, to pull down the Greenwich terminus, the Railway Tavern, (known as the Prince of Orange), together with several shops and newly-erected dwelling-houses adjoining, and to erect a splendid terminus on Croon's hill in its stead, alongside one of the smaller entrances into the park. The new tunnel will commence at the Creek-bridge, which separates Greenwich from Deptford, and continue under the town of Greenwich, the lower part of the park next Greenwich Naval School, Maize-hill, onward by the back of the union workhouse in the Woolwich-road. Here the tunnel is to end, and the line continue forward to Woolwich, Dartford, Gravesend, &c. From the estimates made by the surveyors, the directors consider that they shall be able to complete the works to Gravesend, and open it for public traffic, in the course of the next twelve months. The tunnelling is intended to obviate the vibration complained of as likely to arise, and which the astronomer royal considered would effect the scientific studies of the Royal Observatory.—*Observer.*

EXTRAORDINARY ESCAPE AT SHEFFIELD.—On Monday last, a long ladder was placed from Church-street to the top of the Sheffield and Rotherham banking company's premises, the roof of which was undergoing some repairs. A gentleman who had business at the bank, incautiously fastened his horse's bridle to the lower part of the ladder while he went into the bank. Directly afterwards, the man who had been on the roof of the house got upon the ladder to descend into the street. The instant the horse saw the man's figure above him, he made a bolt, and pulled the ladder into the street. On feeling the ladder slipping from under him, the bricklayer caught hold of the parapet and succeeded in gaining the roof again, or his death must have been inevitable. The ladder was broken in two, near the top, but fortunately fell upon nobody who was passing.

Six thousand pounds have been devoted by the Legislature of Jamaica to the building of churches; 300*l.* has also been set apart for erecting schools.

TENDERS.

For erecting a house in Lombard-street, corner of Barchinane, for Messrs. Overend, Gurney and Co. Mr. Henry Baker, architect.

Manfield	£10,000
Bridge and Ashby	10,101
Grivell	10,425
Piper and Son	10,300
Grinnell	9,800
Lee and Son	9,800
Wm. Cullett and Co.	9,870

The quantities were taken out by Mr. Meredith and Mr. Nicholls, and the tender of Messrs. Cullett was accepted.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

[We are compelled, by the interference of the Stamp Office, to omit the names of the parties in whom tenders, &c. are in the address for the contractors of our readers, however, they are entered in book, and may be seen up application at the office of "The Builder," 2, York-street, 1, Great Garden.]

For the several works required for the enlargement and rebuilding of St. Ann's Chapel, Bishop Auckland; and also for building a new market cross there.

For the supply of Radf. red with gas, along with lamps, lamp-irons, pillars, and other apparatus for fixing the same.

For the erection of a chapel in Edward-street, Parade, Birmingham.

For the execution of the whole of the works of the Cam-pock extension of the Glasgow, Paisley, Kilmarnock, and Ayr Railway, in three contracts.

For the works of the alterations and improvements of the Dalkeith Railway, and its junction with the North British (extension of time).

For the erection of additional works to the Union Work-house at Middleton (Ireland).

For the rebuilding of the church of Ballymoy, county of Cork.

For the erection of gas-works at Downpatrick, including the building of a retort-house, the supplying and fitting up of the gasometer, tank, retorts, ovens, purifiers, hydraulic mains, &c.

For the erection of the Ashbourne workhouse, further extension of time.

For the supply of curb-stone, edging, paving, and penning, the best Hanham stone, or Frenchay, or Welsh, or other stone of equal quality, and for the setting or laying the same in the footpaths of certain streets, &c., of Bristol, for three years, from 7th September.

For the execution of the earth-work for a drain or culvert through Canon's Marsh, Bristol.

For the separate branches of work connected with the erection of the proposed congregational schools at Salisbury-street and William Henry-street, Liverpool.

For the restoration and pewing of Blaise Church.

For the erection of a new roof to St. Margaret's Church, Wrexham, North.

For the execution of Contract No. 2, on the Lynn and Ely Railway line, commencing at the termination of No. 1, in the parish of Denver, Norfolk, and terminating at the junction with the Eastern Counties line, near Kiy, a length of about 12½ miles, comprising the usual works of excavation, embankment, bridges, culverts, stations, &c.

For certain alterations and additions to the Infirmary of the Windsor Union Workhouse.

For repairing and externally painting the churches of Ardmore, Dungarvon, Killybegany, and Montebland, in the county of Waterford, Ireland; and for painting the exterior of the churches of Aghave, Killybegany, Killybegany, St. Oliver, St. Patrick, Killybegany, Rossmore, and Templemichael in the same quarter.

For swords and scabbards for the East India Company.

For the erection of a Presbyterian Church in Wolverhampton-street, Birmingham.

For the supply of flints and Kentish ransons for the Greenwich and Woolwich tunnel, to be laid for one year, from July 1 and further, until determined by three months' notice on either side.

For the rebuilding of Sandbach Church steeple, &c.

For the erection of a new barn and straw-house at Water-ditch Farm, in the parish of Christchurch.

For a supply of from 400 to 1000 cubic yards of broken Guernsey granite, or other hard stone, for the repair of the roads of Regent-street, Whitehall, &c., and of from 2,000 to 2,500 yards of same material for the repair of the Albany-road and other roads in the Regent's Park.

For a supply of regimental buttons for the East India Company.

For the erection of an infirmary and receiving wards at the Rye Union Workhouse.

For the erection of two chapels at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery.

For a supply of 1,000 tons of new blue Guernsey granite, broken to a 2½ inch gauge size, to be delivered at the water side, Chelsea, for the improvement of the Commissioners.

For the erection of a Corn Exchange and Market at Ely.

For the iron furnishings of the Gas Works at Dollar, N.B.

For the construction of a Timber Lashing Stalk at the Ferry-boat dock at Hull, and other works connected therewith, and for removing the old break-water Jetty there.

For the erection of two Chapels in the Cemetery of Coventry.

For any required quantity of hard core, pit ballast, broken flints, &c., for three years from 20th June, for the Commissioners for paving, lighting, and improving the hamlet of Kentish-town and its vicinity: the quantities required not to be less in any one year than 2,500 yards of hard core, 1,500 yards of pit ballast, and 500 yards of broken stone.

For supplying to the same Commissioners, laying down and hedging in proper mortar for three years, from 20th June, any required quantity of Aberdeen kerb 12 inches by 8 inches; of York paving 2½ inches thick; and of dressed and undressed granite: the quantities not to be less in any one year than 2,000 running feet of kerb; 14,000 feet of paving; and 100 yards of crossings.

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At Newton, Somersetshire: 1,000 feet oak, 40 ash and elm trees, quantity of hard wood, &c.

At Poole: a stock of timber, deals, laths, slats, &c.

At Mowthorpe, Norfolk: about 100 very fine beech trees, 12 to 18 inches girth; 1,000 feet 2 boards; 1,000 feet 3 inch by 2, scantling; a lot of slabs, top wood, bundles, &c.

At Sudbrook, Gloucestershire: the whole of the apparatus and machinery connected with the preparation of timber on the anti-dry-rot principle.

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At Beaumont, near Thorpe, Essex: 300 lots of very choice and well-seasoned timber, deals and battens, floor boards, &c., and a quantity of ironmongery, comprising locks, screws, latches, pulleys, nails, &c., and a lot of shingles, deals, oak frames and sashes, new paneled doors, window frames, oak gates, stone pavement, cement, glass, pitch, &c.; with 6 oak and 4 elm trees.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Amateur Turner."—Workshops may not be of wood. Notice must be given to the surveyor.

"D. Amalgam."—Number for 14th March, is out of print. First number for present year contains index to Vol. III.

"W. K."—Linton's or Skyrings. Through any bookseller.

"D. J. J."—We will inquire.

"B. P. W."—Next week.

"E. P."—Kennett, York-street, Covent-garden.

Received—"W. R." Dundie, "C. P." "U. M. R." "Veritas," "H. H."

Books received—"Family Herald," part 3, (Bugs); Strand: "Musical Herald," part 1, (Bugs); "Holman's Magazine" for July; "Old England's Worthies," part 3, (A. Knight); "Pictorial Gallery of Arts," part 7; Architecture continued.—A. Knight.

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